

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1495 - SB 1782

February 11, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a community mental health center to employ a licensed physician, rather than being limited to employing a psychiatrist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012457): Authorizes a community mental health center to employ a licensed physician, rather than being limited to employing a psychiatrist. Specifies that the physician cannot be an anesthesiologist, an emergency department physician, a pathologist, or a radiologist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, allowing non-psychiatrist physicians to integrate medical and psychiatric services will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state, including any health-related board.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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